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SUBJECT: LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN
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1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE STALLING, ABDUL MAJID MANGAL, A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DIVISION, AND THE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS, FINALLY FOUND TIME JUNE 11 TO MEET WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER TO DISCUSS AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S MAY 22 STATEMENT. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT WAS GIVEN TO MANGAL (REF A). HE EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S SKILL IN PRESENTING THE AMERICAN POSITION ON VARIOUS COMPLEX ISSUES. MANGAL ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CONTINUED AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE LAND-LOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES.

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2. MANGAL CLAIMED HE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WERE UNAWARE THAT A NEGOTIATING SESSION WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN NEW YORK AUGUST 21. THUS, HE WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE AFGHAN REPRESENTATION AT THAT CONFERENCE. HE ADDED UNOFFICIALLY THAT THE AFGHANS WOULD PROBABLY BE

REPRESENTED BY THEIR MISSION IN NEW YORK, BECAUSE
OF THE "PRESS OF WORK CAUSED BY THE REVOLUTION," AND ALSO
BY THE UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN
BELGRADE BEGINNING JULY 24. MANGAL CONFIDED THAT HE HAD NOT
YET EVEN TRIED TO GET THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO FOCUS ON THE ESOTERIC, BUT "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT",
ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS, AND SPECULATED THAT IT
WOULD BE MONTHS BEFORE THE MINISTRY'S POLICY-MAKERS WOULD
GET AROUND TO LOS MATTERS.
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